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- INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

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1. MISSION OFFERS COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAS 2-4 BELOW ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF G-77'S DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. WE AGREE WITH U.S.DEL'S APPROACH TO OPERATIVE PARA 3 AND SEE NO PROBLEMS WITH OPERATIVE PARAS 4 AND 5.

2. PHRASE "ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" IN OPERATIVE PARA 1 REPRESENTS SOME EROSION OF POSITION MAINTAINED BY DC'S AT CIEC AND SINCE THEN THAT IDF IS UNIVERSAL AS WELL AS VOLUNTARY AND THAT CALLS FOR PLEDGES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO ALL POTENTIAL DONORS (WHICH COULD INCLUDE ENTITIES OTHER THAN "COUNTRIES" E.G., SPECIAL FUNDS). RELEVANT, CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORT OF NINTH SESSION OF UNIDO PERMANENT COMMITTEE WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY TWELFTH SESSION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) IN MAY IS AS FOLLOWS: QTE NOTING THAT THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREED ON A DESIRABLE ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE UNIDF, AND RECALLING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION ON THE SAME, THE

COMMITTEE NOTED WITH REGRET THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FUNDS WAS FAR BELOW THE DESIRABLE LEVEL, AND FULLY AWARE OF THE CENTRAL FUNDING ROLE OF UNDP, URGED MEMBER STATES AND OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS WHICH HAD NOT PLEDGED TO UNIDF TO CONSIDER DOING SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE COMMITTEE FURTHER APPEALED TO ALL STATES AND OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS TO CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO THE UNIDF. UNQTE. MISSION RECOMMENDS AN EFFORT TO SUBSTITUTE "ALL POTENTIAL DONORS" OR SIMILAR PHRASEOLOGY FOR "ALL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES".

3. IN OPERATIVE PARA 2, PHRASE "FOR THE RE-LOCATION OF INDUSTRY" IS OBVIOUSLY AN UNACCEPTABLE DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS. SOMETHING LIKE "DESIGNED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN THE APPROPRIATE SECTORS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH LANGUAGE USED BY IDB (SEE PARA 158 OF REPORT OF IDB-XI) AND IN INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS OF REPORTS OF SECTORAL CONSULTATIONS. ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE TO DROP DESCRIPTIVE PHRASEOLOGY AND LET "SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS" STAND ON ITS OWN FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION.

4. ALSO RE OPERATIVE PARA 2, MISSION AGREES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT "TO INTENSIFY ITS ACTIVITIES" IS NOT TO GO BEYOND IDB-XII DIRECTIVES. WE RECOMMEND THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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A PHRASE SUCH AS "AS DECIDED BY IDB-XII" BE WRITTEN INTO RESOLUTION SO AS TO AVOID ANY AMBIGUITY. IDB-XII DID AGREE TO INTENSIFIED (I.E., EXPANDED) ACTIVITIES BUT, BEARING IN MIND BUDGETARY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, IMPOSED CERTAIN RESTRAINTS (E.G., ONLY TWO NEW SECTORS IN 1978-79, FURTHER DECISIONS BY IDB BEFORE ADDITIONAL FIRST OR SECOND CONSULTATIONS ARE SCHEDULED, AND FURTHER REVIEW AND DECISIONS BY IDB BEFORE "GLOBAL" CONSULTATIONS ON MANPOWER TRAINING AND FINANCING OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ARE CONVENED). GROUP D COUNTRIES WERE EVEN MORE CAUTIOUS THAN GROUP B COUNTRIES IN THIS REGARD. MANY IN G-77 ALSO RECOGNIZED NEED TO KEEP THESE ACTIVITIES WITHIN SOME REASONABLE BOUNDS AND FAVORED RESTRAINT. LEARY

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